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President's Message

Joe Olson

Friends, the message contained in this issue is both happy and hopeful. Happy, beacuse we had a wonderful convention, and hopeful, because our dear friend, Mac Kennady, is recovering from serious illness.

Our convention saw a nearly 10% increase in the number of dealer tables, and public attendance was very encouraging. We raffled a 1995 doubled die cent, along with two mint-sealed bags of cents from the Philadelphia Mint. Our second annual book auction generated additional funds for our organization. Finally, our 1995 silver convention medal was a sellout, thanks to Frank Galindo and Jop Joplin.

The day after the convention, Mac Kennady was hospitalized, and remains in Intensive Care as of this writing. Mac and Eleanor, you are in our thoughts. Friends, if you have a chance, please drop Mac and Eleanor a note. And please don't forget Lyman Bartee in Austin. These giants have meant so much to TNA and to each of us.

Finally, for those of you who made donations the Coins for A's Program, the book auction, or to any other TNA fund or program, your acknowledgments are forthcoming. Your continued patience is appreciated.

For the 1995 TNA convention, aluminum TNA medals were produced and distributed, free, to each convention attendee. A good number of these medals remain. Any **TNA member club** submitting a written request to the TNA Secretary will be sent 25 aluminum medals, on a first come, first served basis, until the supply is exhausted.

TNA Election Results

The official results of the 1995 TNA Election of Officers were announced at the TNA Board Meeting on Saturday, April 1, 1995 in Fort Worth. The total number of completed ballots received by the Secretary was fewer than 50, due to a combination of the lack of contested races and the late delivery of the ballots, which were included in the February *TNA News*. After some discussion at the meeting, it was decided that, for future elections, the ballots will be prepared and mailed out separately by the Secretary, as they were until 1993. The inclusion of the ballots in the newsletter, begun in 1993 as a cost-cutting measure, was deemed to be unnecessary in light of the present healthy state of the TNA treasury. A separate mailing will also allow for much more timely delivery of the ballots, since their mailing will not be dependent upon the publishing schedule of the *TNA News*.

All nominated candidates were elected to their respective offices. A number of District Governorships, for which there were no announced candidates, were filled by presidential appointees, including some incumbents. Voting members of the TNA Board for 1995-1997 are:

President:	Joe Olson, Waco	(reelected)
1st Vice President:	Mike Grant, Fort Worth	(was Treasurer)
2nd Vice President:	Mac Kennady, Arlington	(reelected)
Secretary	Barbara Lowell, Carrollton	(reelected)
Treasurer:	Huston Pearson, Arlington	(new)
District 1 Governor:	J. Russell Prinzinger, Ft Worth	(appointed)
District 2 Governor:	Lee Hise, Midland	(reappointed)
District 3 Governor:	**VACANT**	**(was vacant)**
District 4 Governor:	Lyman Bartee, Austin	(reappointed)
District 5 Governor:	Frank Clark, Carrollton	(reelected)
District 6 Governor:	Charles Templeton, Houston	(reelected)
District 7 Governor:	Frank Galindo, San Antonio	(reelected)
District 8 Governor:	David Burke, Corpus Christi	(reelected)
District 9 Governor:	Lamonte Pitzer, Levelland	(reelected)
District 10 Governor:	Millard Brown, El Paso	(reappointed)
District 11 Governor:	Jerry Davidson, Amarillo	(reelected)
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District 13 Governor:	Ray Whyborn, Seymour	(reelected)
District 14 Governor:	Helen Snider, Pharr	(reelected)
District 15 Governor:	Jerry Williams, Beaumont	(reelected)
District 16 Governor:	John Huntley, College Station	(reappointed)
District 17 Governor:	Fred Gowdy, Fort Worth	(reelected)

All other appointed TNA officers and committees remain intact. The complete roster of officers, including addresses and telephone numbers appears on page 4 of this and every issue of the *TNA News*.

The 1995-96 TNA Board of Directors is sworn in by ANA President David Ganz. Left to right are Jerry Davidson (District 11 Governor), David Burke (District 8 Governor), Jerry Williams (District 15 Governor), Frank Clark (District 5 Governor), Barbara Lowell (Secretary), Mike Grant (1st Vice President), Mac Kennady (2nd Vice President), Joe Olson (President), Ray Whyborn (District 13 Governor), David Ganz (ANA President), Huston Pearson (Treasurer), Helen Snider (District 14 Governor), and Lamonte Pitzer (District 9 Governor).

The 1995-96 TNA officers, Mike Grant, Barbara Lowell, Mac Kennady, Joe Olson and Huston Pearson pose with ANA President David Ganz

A Few Words From the Editor

Bob Metzger

Whew. Late again, but intentionally late for once. Due to the timing of the TNA Elections and Convention this year, it was decided to delay publication of the April *TNA News* by a few weeks, rather than wait until June to publish election results and awards recipients. I hope you find it worth the wait. I intend to get back on schedule for the June issue, though, so it may not be too far behind this one.

Just to be consistent, I was late for the convention, too. No, actually, it was quite a traumatic experience. I was headed for Fort Worth on Thursday evening, March 30, when the engine in the family car decided it had had enough. I was 80 miles from home, 120 miles from Fort Worth, at approximately sunset, when the oil pump evidently failed, causing the engine to die a noisy, scary death. Fortunately, I was within 20 miles of the home of TNA President Joe Olson, unfortunately, he was already in Fort Worth. Joe's wife, Lou Ann, was a lifesaver, coming by and helping me gather up everything important from the car, and transporting me and the car's contents to the Olson home. I completed the trip to Fort Worth the next morning by bus, an experience nearly as bizarre as the previous evening's engine meltdown. But that's another story, probably best left untold.

For those of you who know and love my trusty 1967 Volvo, do not despair. I was driving our "1982" Oldsmobile Station Wagon - I have no doubt that the old Volvo would have been undaunted by the prospect of adding another 400 miles to the 280,000 miles it has already travelled. No, it is the "1982" Olds that is now history. I say "1982" because various major components of that monstrosity had been replaced over the 5 years that we had owned it. The engine was from one car, the transmission from another, a seat from yet another...it was a real marvel. Both my wife and I actually feel a strange sense of relief to no longer have to wonder when it would give up completely. Good riddance. We closed a deal on a nice 1992 Ford Taurus a few days ago, after much intense searching, and having a mechanic perform an 88-point check for us. It looks like a good, solid car, one that should go another 100,000 miles, hopefully, with most of the same parts it has now.

Sorry about the lack of numismatic content in those last two paragraphs. Back to the show - I got in about noon on Friday. The convention center is between the bus station and the hotel, laden with four bags, it was an easy decision for me to stop at the show first. I stuffed my bags under the registration table and got my id badge. I passed out flyers to all the dealers reminding them of, and soliciting donations for, our Coins For A's program. This action proved quite fruitful. By the time I left on Sunday, I had quite a few donations. If nothing else, the flyers raised the level of awareness of the Coins For A's program considerably.

I had a nice lunch with Ralph Ross and some of the folks from Clements High School. Ralph told me that Amy Ng had been accepted to MIT. Needless to say, I was impressed. Congratulations Amy! Ralph dropped me (and my bags) off at the hotel, after which I hurried back over to the Convention Center to view the Friday night coin auction lots. I spotted a few colonials, half cents and large cents that I thought would make nice additions to my collection (at the right prices), and some group lots of early 20th century U.S. coins that looked like good coins for A's. Unfortunately, the former were lots 1-37, while the latter were lots 396-402. Hmmm...it looked like I was in for a long evening. Oh, well it wasn't as if I was planning on driving around the city that night. I also looked over the books that we would be auctioning off on Saturday. I found a good number of books of interest, and made the appropriate notes in my catalog. Before I knew it, the bourse was closing and the time rapidly approaching for the coin auction.

Greg Lauderdale and crew started the auction promptly at 7:00 p.m., with maybe 50 people in attendance. By the time lot 37 was hammered down, I had been high bidder on exactly one lot, a well-worn 1795 large cent on a very nice, trouble-free planchet. With a very plain, full date, it was easily attributable as an S-78, a very common variety for the year, but a 1795 nonetheless. I paid for it, and went outside for awhile. Came back later to bid on the group lots and scored a bag of Mercury dimes for the kids. Not a bad night. Walked over to the nearby steak house and had a nice soup and salad dinner before hoofing it back to the hotel for some sleep.

Saturday began with the TNA Board Meeting. Election results were announced: everybody got elected. The meeting went smoothly, with reports on each officer's area of responsibility. Upon adjournment, I headed back to the bourse to view the exhibits, visit with some friends and to prepare for the book auction. I was really impressed with the exhibits, and had to tear myself away from them to go sell the books. We held the sale in the meeting room this year, and it was quite well attended. Leo DeLand did a great job of calling the sale, and bidding was spirited on the good items, and rather flat on the less interesting ones. I added about a dozen books to my library, and quite a few other people won multiple lots. I don't know the totals, but I think we did quite well. After the sale, offers were entertained for unsold lots, and I believe that fewer than a dozen lots remained unsold by Sunday. I wandered around a bit on the bourse after the book auction, and picked up a nice well-circulated but problem-free example of the fascinating, backdated North American Token, and the new Kenneth Keller book, *Sutler Paper Money*. Enjoyed a very nice dinner with a large group of long-time TNAers, and was fast asleep by midnight.

Sunday morning was the Awards Breakfast, so there was a pretty good crowd when I arrived at the Convention Center. I won't recount all the awards and recipients here, since they are listed elsewhere in this

issue, but I will say a big "Thanks" for being honored with the Lewis M Reagan Award. And I'll bet that Norma Mather and Helen Snider's flight back home to the Valley flew at a lower altitude than usual, with all those TNA plaques aboard. After the breakfast, I scurried around the bourse bidding everyone goodbye, and collecting a few last minute donations to Coins For A's. Since Lou Ann Olson had driven up to Fort Worth on Saturday to join Joe, I got to drive her car back to Waco, and Joe, Lou Ann and Cassie got to ride home together in Joe's van. I gathered up the contents of the Olds that I had left at their house and Joe took me and my stuff to Salado, where my wife met us in the old, dependable Volvo. I am so thankful to have such good friends. I can't even begin to tell you.

I want to express my thanks to all the folks who voiced their opinions on the Coins For A's program and on the *TNA News*. It is always helpful to hear ideas on how TNA can best serve its members, and all comments are taken to heart. I received a number of nice discounts on coins or outright donations to the Coins For A's program. Thanks to Frank O'Sullivan, Glenn Schinke, Larry Spence, Walt Woelper, Blanchard Miller, Dallas Rare Coin & Jewelry, Herman Jacobs and Walter Magnus, and anyone else I may have overlooked.

I should have mentioned long ago that ANA President David Ganz and Krause Publications President Cliff Mishler were both present at the convention and were involved in numerous activities. David addressed the membership on Friday and the Board of Governors on Saturday. He also performed the TNA officer induction ceremony. Cliff staffed a Krause Publications information booth, and attended the Saturday TNA breakfast. We hope that the active involvement of these two important figures in our convention and related activities will gain some national attention for TNA and its programs.

So, if you missed the TNA Convention this year, you missed a good time, and a great opportunity to see educational exhibits, buy (or at least admire) rare coins, obtain fine books, meet some of the most important hobbyists in the country, and hear knowledgable speakers. Everett Hull and Chris Keogh do a great job on the convention and it seems to get better each year. In spite of my transportation problems, I had a good time. Think of how much fun it could be for you! See you there next year.

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Annual TNA Awards

The Texas Numismatic Association annually recognizes outstanding accomplishments with a variety of awards. These awards are announced and presented at the TNA Awards Breakfast, traditionally held on Sunday morning during the annual TNA Convention. This year's awards the recipients, and a brief description of the award criteria, are as follows

Lewis M. Reagan Memorial Award

Bob Metzger & Leo DeLand

For outstanding service to help promote numismatics in Texas.

Kalvert K. Tidwell Literary Award

Benny Bolin

For a worthwhile and original article written by a TNA member and published in the preceding year's TNA News. *Benny's award-winning article, "Grant/Sherman - The Note That Never Was" appeared in the August, 1994 issue*

V.I.P. Award

Ralph Ross

For the member who signed as proposer for the most new members during the preceding calendar year.

TNA Numismatic Hall of Fame

Gerald Kendall, George Mather & Walt Woelper

To recognize outstanding members who have made a significant and lasting contribution to promoting and sharing the hobby of numismatics

Emily B. Garner Award

Peter Keller

For the junior member who signed as proposer for the most junior members during the preceding calendar year.

Club Salute

Gateway Coin Club

For the club engaged in the most outstanding and worthwhile activities during the preceding calandar year

Colonel Raymond W. Darrah Memorial Award

Dallas Coin Club

For the club having the highest percentage of TNA members

Reagan Award winner Bob Metzger, and Tidwell Award winner, Benny Bolin, flank Norma Mather, who earned Best of Show for her exhibit, "Faceless U.S. Coins."

All TNA Hall of Fame members in attendance were presented handsome plaques. Present were (from left to right) Eleanor Kennady, Jerry Williams, Jop Joplin, Mac Kennady, Nela Runkle, 1995 inductee Walt Woelper, Norma Mather (also holding the plaque honoring her late husband George Mather, another 1995 inductee), Lamonte Pitzer, Howard Luke, and Graves Rouse.

1995 V I P Ralph Ross, Outstanding Officer Mike Grant and Outstanding Governor Jerry Williams pose with their awards for photographers

Alamo News Editor Howard Elserloh accepted the Outstanding Chapter Publication Award for the Alamo Coin Club, and Dallas Coin Club President Frank Clark accepted the Darrah Award for his club

Outstanding Chapter Publication Award

Alamo Coin Club. *The Alamo News*

For the club which produced the best publication or newsletter during the preceding year. This award was accepted on behalf of San Antonio's Alamo Coin Club by its newsletter editor, Harold Eiserloh.

Outstanding Governor Award

Jerry Williams

To the most outstanding and the most motivated TNA Governor the preceding year.

Special Awards

Mike Grant
D.O. "Jop" Joplin
Ray Whyborn
Frank Clark
Huston Pearson
Norma Mather
Ralph Ross
John Rowe
Lyman Bartee
Chris Keogh
Everett Hull
Howard Luke

Special Thanks

David Ganz

Reagan honoree Leo DeLand was unable to attend the Awards Breakfast, as he continued to recover from a serious illness. New Hall of Fame inductee Gerald Kendall was also absent. Norma Mather accepted the Hall of Fame plaque for her late husband, George. San Antonian Harold Eiserloh represented both the Alamo and Gateway Coin Clubs, and Frank Clark accepted on behalf of the Dallas Coin Club. Lyman Bartee, who was unable to attend, was elated upon receiving his awards from this reporter on Tuesday, April 4, in Austin. All other award recipients were present, and should appear in the accompanying photos.

Handsome plaques had been prepared for all past and present TNA Hall of Fame inductees. Each of the nine Hall of Famers in attendance was presented his or her plaque by TNA President Joe Olson, and was met with a warm round of applause from everyone present.

Photos of the honorees appear on the adjacent pages. Many thanks to Helen Snider for providing the photographs used to illustrate this and all other TNA Convention articles appearing in this issue.

Special Award winners included (l. to r.) Mike Grant, Jop Joplin, Ray Whyborn, Frank Clark, Huston Pearson, Norma Mather, John Rowe, and Ralph Ross

At left, photographer Helen Snider catches ANA President David Ganz in a casual pose with his daughter, Pamela. In the right hand photo, TNA President Joe Olson presents a sealed, Philadelphia Mint bag of 1995 cents to the lucky raffle winner, one of the members of the Convention Center's security force

1995 TNA Exhibitors & Awards

The TNA invites each of its members to prepare exhibits for its annual convention. To encourage and recognize exhibitors' efforts, 1st through 3rd place awards may be given in 9 distinct competitive classes, as well as for junior competitive exhibits. Non-competitive exhibits are also welcomed, and suitable appreciation awards may be given for them. This year's exhibitors have been recognized as follows:

Best of Show
Norma Mather: *Faceless U.S. Coins*

Class 1: United States Coins
1st Norma Mather: *Faceless U.S. Coins*

Class 2: United States Paper Money
1st Frank Clark: *Take the Last Train to Clarksville*

Class 3: Obsolete Paper Money Issued in the U.S.
1st John Rowe: *McKinney, Williams & Co.: Financiers of the Texas Revolution*
2nd Huston Pearson: *Leaders of the Republic of Texas*

Class 4: Foreign Coins After Approximately 1500 A.D.
1st Gary Hill: *Philippine Leper Colony Coinage*
2nd Ralph Ross: *Canada 125*
3rd W.L. Timmons: *Coins of Ireland*

Class 7: Medals
1st Helen Snider: *Panama Canal Completion Medal*
2nd Frank Clark: *Dallas Coin Club Medals*
3rd D.O. Joplin: *Klattenhoff - Story of Mercantile*

Class 8: Tokens
1st E. Lamonte Pitzer: *Lundy Island Tokens of 1929*

Non-Competitive Exhibits
D.O. Joplin: *Norman Rockwell*
Ray Whyborn: *Revenue Stamped Paper*
Benny Bolin: *Selected Vignettes of South Carolina Banknotes*
Benny Bolin: *Justice - 3rd Issue Fifty Cent Fractional Currency*

Junior Competitive Exhibits
1st Asif Sayani: *Tour of the Caravels*
2nd Jason Ross: *My 1983 Canadian Proof Set*
3rd Cindy Jacob: *My JFK Half Dollars*

Exhibitors earning first or third place plaques included Gary Hill, Asif Sayani, Helen Snider, Jop Joplin, Lamonte Pitzer, Norma Mather, Frank Clark and John Rowe.

Second place exhibit awards went to Ralph Ross, Frank Clark, and Huston Pearson.

Additional Exhibits

Sini Jacob: *My Susan B. Anthony Dollars*
Peter Keller: *Buffalo Nickels*
Peter Keller: *Error Coins*
Philip Keller: *Indian Head Cents*
Paul Tran: *Coins, etc.*
Inyorh Wong: *Celebrating Liberty*
Reza Abasaltian: *My Persian Coins from Iran*
Altan Guzeldere: *Turk Paraları*
Abid Hassan Ali: *My Canadian Shine*
Tarun Mulani: *Dynasty After Dynasty*
Jeremy Ross: *Young Astronaut Medal*
Bhavin Shah: *My Susan B Anthony Dollars*
Ali Hoosein: *They Ruled Before Us*
Safraza Khrati: *Asian Currency*
Hussin Kjwaji: *Eisenhower Dollars*
Shazad Ali: *Steel Cents*
Sayeed Kwanji: *Change Forever*
Kashfi Gaddi: *Every Day Money*
Bhavin Shah: *My 1972, 1973 & 1975 Bicentennial Medals*
Jeremy Ross: *Wooden Nickels*
Jason Ross: *Coin Cards*

Exhibit Judges

Paul Garner
Ray Whyborn
Frank Clark

THANK YOU ALL!!

I would like to thank everyone who placed an exhibit this year. We really had an outstanding group of exhibits, showing true dedication and quality work. I would like to thank our judges for their often thankless task of grading the exhibits, and to thank Ralph Ross for bringing such a quality group of junior exhibits. I would also like to give a special **THANK YOU** to Frank Clark for being my mentor this year and for showing me the ropes of the exhibit chair. Finally, I would like to encourage everyone to begin preparing that exhibit for TNA '96.

- *Benny Bolin, TNA Exhibit Chairman*

A.R. Davis
Garland, Texas Banker
by Frank Clark

Allen Ripley Davis was born on November 1, 1876 at Woodland Mills, in Obion County, Tennessee. He was the tenth of eleven children of a farming family. His father, known as "Cap" Davis, owned a grain business and a flour mill, and was active in state and local politics.

A.R. Davis attended business college in Bowling Green, Kentucky, after he finished his local schooling. He concentrated his college studies in bookkeeping and English composition, and was an eloquent speaker and writer.

In 1901, he was working in the Indian Territory with a thrashing crew, when he read an advertisement for a worker in a general store in Garland, Texas. He called the store owner long distance and was told there were already two hundred applicants in front of him. A.R. told the store owner he was coming anyway. He got the job! He was paid $30 a month for working fifteen hours a day. Later, he went to work for Sam Hall's Drug Store, and soon bought a half interest in the business.

In 1904, he married Bertha McCree of Malden, Missouri. They had two sons, R. McCree Davis, born in 1905, and Allen Ripley Davis, Jr., born in 1911.

In 1906, the National Bank of Garland was started in the front part of Sam Hall's Drug Store. At that time, there were three banks serving Garland and the surrounding area. A.R. was teller, cashier, bookkeeper and janitor for the bank. He also worked in the drug store in his spare time. After six months, the bank moved to a new location at the northwest corner of the town square. In 1913, the bank moved to the southwest corner of the square. The bank also changed its name to the State National Bank of Garland. In 1956, the bank changed its name again, to the First National Bank in Garland, and moved to its present location at Glenbrook and Avenue A. Davis retired in 1965, at the age of eighty-nine. He had been president of the bank for forty years and chairman of the board for ten years. During his career, the bank's capital had increased from $50,000 to $27,000,000. His son, R.M. Davis, succeeded him as president of the bank.

A.R. Davis also served in several other important positions. He was a director of the Citizens National Bank of Denison, Texas. He was one of the original directors of Gulf Insurance Company in Dallas. He helped establish Garland's city-owned utilities. In 1937, he was appointed to the board of hospital managers for Dallas County. He served twenty years, ten as chairman. Parkland Memorial Hospital was built during his tenure. He also was a thirty-second degree Mason.

It was said that A.R. Davis had a warm personality. He also had a sense of humor. His moral standards and integrity were above reproach. He always attempted to shape his actions toward the

$10 small size National Bank Note on the State National Bank of Garland, Texas, with the engraved signature of A.R. Davis as President

betterment of the community. In business, he was progressive but, at the same time, sound and conservative when approaching new projects. He had an interesting lending policy at the bank. He felt that any customer, rich or poor, was entitled to the services of the bank. This included loans, if they could and would repay them. He felt that although most people fully intended to repay loans, sometimes found themselves unable to do so, and that it was the banker's responsibility to see that the loan was repaid.

A.R. Davis died in 1967, aged ninety-one years. A.R. Davis Elementary School, in the Garland Independent School District, was named for him.

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TNA District 5 Governor Frank Clark is a past president of the Garland Coin Club, and the current president of the Dallas Coin Club. His collecting specialty is North Texas National Bank Notes. Frank serves on the Board of Governors of the Society of Paper Money Collectors, and his articles on numismatic themes have appeared in numerous publications. He is TNA Life Member #163.

Coal Company Scrip

by Bill Murray

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When Tennessee Ernie Ford lamented in the song, "I owe my soul to the company store," he probably did not owe it in United States coins or currency. Most likely he owed company scrip to that company store.

Tennessee Ernie was singing about a coal company store, but other industries, such as lumber companies, used scrip in much the same way. When these industries set up their operations, no towns existed in the vicinity, so, no stores or shops were available to serve the day-to-day needs of food, clothing and other necessities. The companies set up their own stores to serve the workers and their families.

Scrip consisted of paper coupons or metal tokens in various denominations, such as 1¢, 5¢ and 10¢ and on up to as much as $5 or $10. A miner, short on cash, could borrow against his wages. He could not get cash, but company scrip, which could be spent only at the company store.

In some years, coal companies made more profit from issuing scrip to their employees than they did from mining coal. Not only did the company profit from each transaction at the store, but interest, frequently as high as 20%, could be charged against the salary advance...and the scrip was often discounted by 5% or 10%, in contrast to cash transactions. No wonder miners owed their souls to the company store!

By the 1940's it was no longer legal for companies to pay their workers in company scrip.

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Japanese-American Internment Camp Tokens

by Wayne K. Homren

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On February 19, 1942, just 10 weeks after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, President Franklin Delano Rooosevelt issued an Executive Order creating a system of American Concentration Camps. This grim chapter of American history is recalled through the money used by some hundred thousand inmates of these camps.

Japan's surprise attack on the U.S. Naval Fleet at Pearl Harbor was a stunning blow to the nation. U.S. leaders were suddenly faced with many difficult decisions. There was little room for error, as the fate of the nation seemed to hang on every move

Amid the fear and confusion, there were calls for restraints on Japanese-Americans, out of fear that loyalty to their former homeland would produce spies and saboteurs. With hatred and ignorance masquerading as caution and compassion, tens of thousands of innocent people - mostly American citizens - were uprooted from their homes and moved to the camps. They were forced to sell what possessions they had - at any price - and told they could bring only what they could carry

The camps were hastily constructed at sites in several western states The camp at Crystal City, Texas, 100 miles southwest of San Antonio, was a converted migrant farm labor camp. The facility housed entire families and, at its peak, had a population of over 3,000.

Residents of the camp were alotted a standard sum of money in fiber tokens. These tokens could be spent on food, clothing, and other items at the camp canteen. The tokens came in denominations ranging from 1¢ to $5. When the camp closed, all the tokens were supposed to be destroyed But a few of these tiny tokens survive today, and serve as silent reminders of the pain and suffering inflicted by a panicked nation on its innocent citizens.

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Calendar Of Events

Apr 15 — Austin, TX — 38 Tables
Central Texas Coin, Stamp & Sports Card Show
Quality Inn South, 2200 South IH-35 (at Oltorf)
Contact: Francis Smith, (512) 448-6372
P.O. Box 1182, Austin, TX 78767

Apr 22-23 — Plano, TX — 38 Tables
Plano Coin Club Show
Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway
Contact: Mark Schroeder, (214) 424-1405
1310 Avenue K, Plano, TX 75074

May 6-7 — San Antonio, TX — 35 Tables
18th Annual San Antonio Coin, Card & Stamp Show
Sponsored by Gateway Coin Club
Oak Hills Motor Inn, 7401 Wurzbach Road
Contact: Ray Tate, (210) 271-3429
P.O. Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212

May 13-14 — Fort Worth, TX — 65 Tables
1st Annual Mid-Season Coin & Stamp Show
Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway
Contact: Joe or Linda Wade, (817) 485-1777
6420 Diamond Loch, Fort Worth, TX 76180

May 20-21 — Irving, TX — 73 Tables
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin & Card Show
Howard Johnson Airport Inn, 120 W. Airport Freeway (Old Hwy 193)
Contact: Paul Garner, (214) 262-4491 (evenings)
Box 224584, Dallas, TX 75222

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May 27-28 — Austin, TX — 38 Tables
Capital City Coin Club 23rd Annual Show
Quality Inn South, 2200 S. I-35 (at Oltorf exit #232A)
Contact: CCCC, P.O. Box 33159, Austin, TX 78764

Jun 3 — Brownwood, TX — 75 Tables
Central Texas Coin Club Annual Show
Heartland Mall (off Early Boulevard)
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Jul 15 **Austin, TX** 30 Tables
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Quality Inn South, 2200 South IH-35 (at Oltorf)
Contact: Francis Smith, (512) 448-6372
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Jul 29-30 **Bossier City, LA** 100 Tables
Ark-La-Tex Coin, Stamp & Card Expo
Sponsored by the Shreveport Coin Club
Bossier City Civic Center, 620 Benton Road
Write: SCC, P.O. Box 492, Shreveport, LA 71162 or
Call: Joe Notini, (318) 631-1315

Aug 5-6 **Bellaire, TX** 33 Tables
Annual Bellaire Coin Club Show and Children's Auctions
Children's Auctions held at Noon & 4 pm Saturday, and 2 pm Sunday
Bellaire Civic Center, 7000 South Rice
Write: Box 303, Bellaire, TX 77401

Aug 26-27 **Fort Worth, TX** 65 Tables
24th Annual Summer Coin & Stamp Show
Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway
Contact: Joe or Linda Wade, (817) 485-1777
6420 Diamond Loch, Fort Worth, TX 76180

Nov 11-12 **Beaumont, TX** 33 Tables
Southeast Texas Coin & Collectibles Show
Jointly sponsored by Beaumont, Orange, Port Arthur & Silsbee Clubs
Holiday Inn (Houston Room), Beaumont Plaza, 3950 I-10 South
Contact: Jack Provost, (409) 385-9272
P.O. Box 1676, Silsbee, TX 77656

Nov 18-19 **Wichita Falls** 35 Tables
Annual Red River Coin and Stamp Show
Sponsored by Wichita Falls-Red River Coin Club & TEXOMA Stamp Club
Wichita Falls Activity Center, 697 10th Street (at Indiana)
Contact: Connolly O'Brien, Jr. (817) 723-1792
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News Clippings

Loss of Harry Barnette is Mourned

Harry G Barnette, Jr , a longtime resident of Austin, died Tuesday, February 28, 1995. He was 60 years of age Harry was a member of Sunrise Community Church, Austin Texas Coin Club, Capital City Coin Club, and the Texas Numismatic Association. He was a graduate of the University of Texas

Harry had served both the Austin Texas and Capital City Coin Clubs for many years, and had held nearly every elected office at one time or another. He was bourse chairman for both clubs and was hard at work on the Capital City Coin Club Show until the time of his death

Survivors include his wife, Cleo of Austin; sons, Jeffrey and wife, Sharon, of San Antonio, Randall and wife, Lisa, of Bethesda, Maryland, and Tony and wife, Linda, of Collins, Arkansas; four grandchildren, Kevin, Gina, Dusty and Andra; and sister, Rosemary Barnette of Boerne.

The Capital City Coin Club's 23rd Annual Show will be held May 27-28, as a tribute to Harry's dedication and hard work.

St. Eligius Patron Saint of Numismatics Project

The 8th grade students of St. Anthony School in San Antonio had a special awards presentation on St Valentine's Day The students participated in the "St. Eligius Patron Saint of Numismatics Project," an educational activity especially developed for the school.

The students were each required to research and write a biography of St Eligius and an essay on a numismatic topic. The students were provided two pages listing possible numismatic topics a another two pages listing books that could help them in their research

Jill Walker won the first place award, which included a fifty-dollar U S Savings Bond, a copy of *A Guide Book of United States Coins* (commonly known as the Red Book), a set of U.S proof coins, and a first-place certificate Second place went to Armando Medina, who received a U.S proof set, Red Book, and a certificate. Celina Carderas earned third place honors taking home a U S. mint set, a Red Book, and certificate.

Honorable Mention certificates were presented to Kymberley Romo, Jennifer Rodriguez, Melissa Gamez, Christina Lopez, Roman Rodriguez, Nicole Garza, and Jacob Wittig In addition, each student received two books on various numismatic topics. Certificates of Recognition were awarded to Monica Merla, Alfred Montoya, Aaron Stein, Sarah Schmidt, Angelika Alvarado, Nina Ozuna, Giancarlo Glenn, Victor Del Cid, Jason Rodriquez Rolando Barrera, Felicia Perez, Willie Valdez, and Rick Gonzalez

The presentation concluded with Frank Galindo, project sponsor, presenting certificates of appreciation to Ms. Kathleen Bailey, vice

principal and to the teachers who helped the students with the project. Those so honored were Shar Greco-Pirro, Si McCurdy, Phil Gutierrez and Brenda Quinones.

The project's objectives were to promote St. Eligius as the patron saint of numismatics to young students, while at the same time encouraging them to read, research and develop their writing skills.

The project was begun on December 1, 1994, the feast day of St. Eligius, and concluded on January 17, 1995. Frank Galindo, who developed the project for the St. Anthony School students, looks forward to repeating the project on December 1, 1995, and is anxious to work with a new class of eighth grade students.

Project Sponsor Frank Galindo and Vice Principal Kathleen Bailey beam with pride for top award winners Jill Walker, Armando Medina, and Celina Carderas.

David Cervin Profiled in *Illinois Quarterly*

TNA member David R. Cervin of Amarillo, a 1934 graduate of the University of Illinois, was profiled in the January/February 1995 issue of the university's quarterly Alumni Association magazine, *Illinois Quarterly*. David, also a member of the American Numismatic Association, has assembled the largest private collection of the earliest Anno Domini dated coins. Only the National Museum in Berlin, the American Numismatic Society in New York, and the Royal Collection in Copenhagen have larger collections than Cervin's. He is also the originator and administrator of the Roman Coin Project. Cervin is the only ANA member to have received the top two competitive awards given by the ANA, the Heath Literary Award for writing and the Howland Wood Award for exhibiting. David remains active in numismatics, and his name often appears in our District News reports.

Greater Houston Coin Club Issues Phone Card

The Greater Houston Coin Club recently celebrated its 40th anniversary by issuing a limited edition prepaid telephone card. The cards were first offered at the club's 38th annual Money Show, held on January 13-15, 1995. The cards, numbered 01 through 2000, are good for five minutes of prepaid phone time at any touchtone phone in the continental U.S. to another phone in the continental U.S. The cards expire on April 2, 1996.

The cards are silver on black. The obverse is pictured below, and the instructions are on the reverse. A limited number of cards are still available. They can be ordered, at a cost of $5.50 each, from GHCC, Attn: J.L.C., P.O. Box 2963, Houston, TX 77252-2963.

Secretary's Notes

Barbara Lowell

Welcome to members #5908-5915. The following have applied for membership. If approved, they will become members May 1, 1995:

LM-177 {D-04} Jeffrey Jon Meyer, P.O Box 4381, Austin, TX 78765. World coins. Mike Grant.

R-5916 {D-17} Mike L. Roe, 250 Rocky Lane, Belton, TX 76513. DBA Glass Coins. Fred Gowdy.

A-5917 {D-FL} Debbie H. Criswell, P O. Box 6000, Salt Springs, FL 32134-6000. DBA Criswell's Grover Criswell.

DECEASED

R-5598 Harry Barnette, Austin, TX

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R-2408	David R. Cervin	where needed
C-32	Hidalgo Coin Club	General Fund
R-2737	Charlie Rankin	Library Fund
A-5917	Debbie Criswell	*TNA News*
LM-99	Lamonte Pitzer	Coins for A's
------	The Brundrett Family	Coins for A's
------	Micah Duran	Coins for A's

Material (no stated value):

R-5916	Glass Coins (Mike Roe)	Coins for A's
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Statement of Income and Loss

Mike Grant - Treasurer

January 1, 1995 - February 28, 1995

REVENUE:		
Dues	$ 1,873 00	
Donations	29.00	
Advertising	45 00	
"Coins for A's" Fund	15.00	
Interest	79 63	
Total Revenue		$ 2,041 63
EXPENSES:		
Secretary Allowance	350.00	
Secretary Expenses	143 70	
Editor Allowance	200.00	
Editor Expenses	107.58	
Newsletter Printing Costs	142.00	
Coins for A's	149.00	
Postage	385.00	
Arlington Coin Club (New Club)	25.00	
Treasurer Expenses	19.44	
Plaque	28.75	
1995 TNA Medals	1,500.00	
President Expenses	95.00	
ANA Dues	30.00	
Total Expenses		$ 3,175.47
Income/(Loss) From Operations		$ (1,133.84)

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Mike Grant - Treasurer

January 1, 1995 - February 28, 1995

ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash - checking	$	14,161.99	
"Coins for A's" Fund		1,055.30	
ANA Jr. Seminar Fund		1,268.25	
TNA Memorial Library Fund		692.58	
Investments			
CD Life Membership Fund	$	10,146.33	
CD		10,000.00	
Total Current Assets			$ 37,324.45
LIABILITIES & EQUITY:			
Current Liabilities	$	0.00	
Long Term Liabilities		0.00	
Total Liabilities	$	0.00	
Equity			
Retained Earnings	$	38,458.29	
Current Period Net Income/(Loss)		(1,133.84)	
Total Liabilities & Equity			$ 37,324.45
TOTAL ASSETS:			$ 37,324.45

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District Meetings

DISTRICT III

Brownwood's **Central Texas Coin Club** met on March 16. Fifteen members and a guest were present. Discussion of plans to schedule a club show sometime in June was the evening's main activity. An auction of good numismatic material followed the business meeting.
--**Joy Rhodes, club Secretary**

DISTRICT IV

The February 2 meeting of the **Williamson County Coin Club** was attended by 8 members. There was a discussion about placing an announcement of club meetings in the local newspaper. Afterwards, Erin Davis gave a program on the Gordianii, co-emperors of Rome in 238 A.D. Another member then gave an addendum to a previous program, reciting a ditty about the Gordians and other Roman emperors. The poem was not only amusing, but also provided a handy way to remember the succession of rulers from Maximinus I to Philip I. Chuck Elkins next gave a very informative program on Confederate "coin buttons," worn on the soldiers uniforms. Finally, Gerry Kammer discussed Canadian fractional currency, often called "shinplasters." A show and tell session followed the programs, concluding the meeting.

There were seven members and a visitor present for the club's March 2 meeting. Steve Liarakos informed the attendees that long-time WCCC member Harry Barnette had passed away on February 28. Everyone felt great sadness upon hearing the news, and shared fond memories of Harry. A sympathy card for his family was planned. When everyone's focus returned to the club business, Rod Sherva reported that 1995 TNA dues for the WCCC had been paid. During the evening's show and tell seesion, Chuck presented some more information on coin buttons and reported on a recent button show. He also brought some Vietnamese money and a U.S. safe conduct pass from the Gulf War. There was a discussion of the coins of Paulina, the wife of Maximinus I. Also discussed was the wartime composition of Lincoln cents, and the present locations of the known 1913 Liberty or "V" nickels.
--**Erin Davis, club Secretary**

DISTRICT V

The **Collin County Coin Club**'s Christmas dinner was a resounding success, with approximately 34 members and guests in attendance.

Everyone went home with a Christmas stocking made by Kay Groves each stocking was filled with goodies donated by Donny Raines, Ken Butcher, J.R Davis, Gary Rollins, John McCraw, Kim Groves, the Bundy Nursery, Jay Krugjohann (Southpark Coins), Joyce Newland (Alamo Coins), Dallas Rare Coins, and the Community Credit Union. The new club advertising penny was unveiled at the dinner. The penny has the club name, date and location of meeting, printed on a 2x2 mylar

The January 19 meeting had 14 members and 4 guests in attendance. John Pendergrass, Ernie Quentie, his son, Adam, and daughter, Megan, were introduced as guests. Robert Wakefield and his son, Robbie, joined the club. Gerald Jones submitted his resignation as club vice president, and president Gary Rollins accepted Dee Vee Lee's offer to serve in the position until the June club elections. The club's spring show was set for April 8, and everyone was asked to pitch in and help prepare for it. The club exercised one of its privileges as an ANA member club by nominating David Lisot and J.T. Stanton for the Board of Governors.
- -*Collin County Coin Club Chronicles* **(Kim Groves, editor)**

Fifteen members welcomed guests Mrs. Ellen Surginer and Mrs. Sondra Hollander to the December 15 meeting of the **Dallas Coin Club**. Everyone was saddened by news of the loss of long-time member Eddie Boone. Hal Cherry swore in the new club officers. President, Frank Clark, Vice President, Tom Ragsdale; and Secretary/Treasurer, Mike Grant Medals for the club's upcoming 800th meeting were displayed and sold briskly. Dinner, by Bailey's Barbeque, was enjoyed by everyone A contest with prizes for the top three 1995 membership recruiters was announced Hal Cherry informed everyone that Half Price Books had a new selection of coin books. Frank Clark gave a followup on his talk about books by DCC members: Wright Titus was cited for *Collecting Coins*, and Paul Garner, for a book he wrote on silver coins since 1900; non-numismatic books included *Somewhere in North Africa* by H.D. Lawrence and one on Sam Bass by Wayne Gard The annual White Elephant Auction was held, and raised $120 for the club.

The club's 800th meeting was held on January 19 Twenty members were joined by guests Jack Hyzer and Gary Hill Gary later became the newest club member. Mike Grant passed out copies of a history of the club, written by Frank Clark. Hal Cherry reported that he had sent information to *The Numismatist*, *Coin World*, and *Numismatic News* about the DCC medals. The cost of the medals was set at $25 (silver) and $8 (bronze), postpaid. It was announced that Charles Unloff, the designer of the sculpture at Love Field that was used for the reverse of the 1981 TNA medal, had passed away in November. The evening's program was "Web-Fed Notes of the Federal Bureau of Printing," by Frank Clark. The auction raised $9 for the club on the sale of 26 items, and 3 bags of silver coins were raffled off, raising another $58.
--club newsletter (Michael P. Grant, editor)

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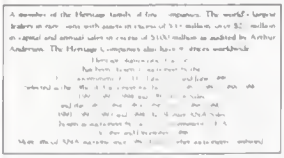

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DISTRICT VI

The March **Bellaire Coin Club** newsletter listed the club's officers as follows. President, Charles C. Templeton, V P , Mark Grabowski, Secretary, George Tschoepe; and Treasurer, Joe Wells. The new newsletter editor was announced as Michael Wolford.

Fifteen members attended the club's January 16 meeting. There was extensive discussion about the club's show, scheduled for August 5-6, and the children's auctions to be held at the show. After business was completed, Fred Perz and Jerry Clemons conducted the auction.

At the February 6 meeting, a nomination committee was formed, and there were updates on plans for the club show. Sixteen members and a visitor, who later became the club's newest member, were present. Mark reported that 7 tables had been sold for the show and led discussion on the children's auction. Mark also listed the ANA videos available for check-out to club members Perz and Clemons again closed the meeting with an auction.

Thirteen members and two guests attended the February 20 meeting The highlight of the meeting was a program by Bevill on the eagles depicted on the Flying Eagle cent and Liberty Seated dollar. As always, the meeting concluded with an auction.

--club newsletter, Michael Wolford, editor

The January issues of the **Clements Coin Club**'s newsletter, *The C-Cubed*, reported a profit of approximately $200 for their December show. Since this was less than expected, an April 22 auction has been planned Candy will also be sold in February. For National Coin Week (April 16-22), the club is planning a get together in the school library with the Mayor of Sugar Land and the Superintendent. Two dozen competitive exhibits were placed by students at the Greater Houston Coin Club's January Money Show. First place was awarded to Cindy Jacob for "My JFK Half Dollars." Second place went to Sini Jacob for "My Susan B. Anthony Dollars." Third place was taken by Peter Keller for his "Buffalo Nickels." Contributors of material appearing in the January issues included students Peter, Cindy, and Linda Johnson; adult member Judy Matherne, and CHS alumni Min Li Hu and Christine Siu.

The club's February newsletter recounted members' experiences at the Money Show, and began the countdowns to spring break and summer vacation. Cindy bemoaned the paucity of articles and letters being submitted, and implored each club officer to submit at least one article per month. Other February writers included Linda, Naureen Sultanali, David Liu, Maisoun Kamal, Johnny Rebel (Altan Guzeldere), Erin Carlisle, and Wildcatt (Alex Limm). The club also announced its support for the following candidates in the upcoming ANA elections Vice President, Anthony Swiatek; and Board of Governors: Helen Carmody, John Wilson, William Horton and J T Stanton.

- -*The C-Cubed* (Amy W. Ng, editor and publisher)

The **Greater Houston Coin Club**'s Christmas party was held on December 8. There were 23 members and 3 guests present. The only club business discussed was the upcoming Money Show

The January 13-15 Money Show was a big success. The new location, the hotel accomodations, and the convenience to shopping centers made a very positive impression on customers and dealers alike. The ribbon cutting for the show was done by the presidents of the Greater Houston, Pasadena, Bellaire, and Clements High School coin clubs. The ribbon, made from twenty $5.00 notes, was donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Association. There were 24 competitive and 3 non-competitive educational exhibits at the show, with Clements High School students (as reported above), sweeping the competitive awards

The January 19 meeting brought out 26 members and 3 guests. A nominating committee, consisting of Ann Templeton, Linda Jones and Fred Perz, was appointed. Stan Garczynski presented an educational slide program

The February *Double Shift* contained the second in Stan's series on "Numismatic Genesis." Also appearing was a list of 10 newprospective club members: Will Rosniak, Jason Dorsey (Jr), Robert Kjellberg, Russell Longmire, John W. Silvey, Patricia A. Moody, Jeffrey P. Clem, Edward E. Smith, Arnold Efron (Life Membership), and Philip Keller

- -***Double Shift*** **(Stan Garczynski, editor)**

At the **Pasadena Coin Club**'s November 15 meeting, the club voted to ban smoking on the bourse for its 1995 show. At the January 9 meeting, President David Montgomery selected Jack Pavlovic, Bob Bing, Jerry Clemons, and Tom Windsheimer to serve on the nominating committee. Thanks went to Bill Chase for his efforts in organizing the club's 1994 show, and to Vernon Steed and David for their work on the show. A hearty welcome was extended to new members Howard Etzel, Carl Fogarty, Bud Holton, Mike Miller, Tom Jacobs, Bill and Patsy Christian, Jim Tyler, B.D. Hammons, Alan VanNort, Donald Tighe, Paul Novark, and Ron Davis

The club meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m., at Wyatt's Cafeteria, 3707 Spencer Highway (corner of Burke and Spencer) in Pasadena.

--club newsletter (Rich Naugle, editor)

DISTRICT VII

Attendance at the January 12 **Alamo Coin Club** meeting was 25, including two new members, Julie Ehr. and Nelson S., and visitor Chris Webb, in pursuit of his Boy Scout merit badge for coin collecting. Jim E. presented the program, explaining how to use the *Photograde* guide for U.S. coins. Wayne G. announced that he would again teach a one session class in numismatics in NEISD on April 8. At the Roundtable, Jim Ehr had a bronze circular perpetual calendar; Willard R. read an article on

grading, focusing on the difference between a buyer's and seller's perspective; Vicki E. showed two fractional notes; Walter R. showed his type set of U.S. gold; and Tom C. showed a chopmarked 1797 Spanish piece of eight. Tom C. donated several numismatic and philatelic books to the club for auction, in which 80% of the 50 lots sold.

The January 26 meeting had 17 attendees. Robert J. showed a 1857 Bank of Canada penny and an Egyptian medal commemorating the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. Willard R. had a 1769 chopmarked 8 reales. Harold E. showed a proof silver Mardi Gras token, and an 1808 Rhenish Confederation heller. Wayne G. showed a Roman tetradrachm of Emperor Aurelian (270-275 A.D.), minted in Alexandria, and a current, beautifully illustrated auction catalog from Stack's. Py donated several books for the auction, in which only 28 of 72 lots sold.

There were 18 people, including 3 visitors (Chris and his parents), at the February 9 meeting. The club voted to nominate Helen Carmody and John Wilson for the ANA board. Wayne passed around auction catalogs from Phoenix, in England, and Cabinet Numismatique Albuquerque, in France, and several large bronze love tokens and amulets from China. Harold showed an ancient (413-404 B.C.) silver litre from Katane, Sicily. 22 of 42 auction lots, including 6 books donated by Bob D., sold.

The February 23 meeting drew 15 attendees. An update on Walter Clavette reported that he now lives in Newport, RI. Jack L. moved to the Four Seasons Nursing Home to recuperate from his surgery. Roundtable items included: Willard R.'s 1884 Peruvian sol, counterstamped by Guatemala; Harold's souvenir cards from the January FUN show, and the 1971 and 1975 ANA conventions; Wayne's 1944 Postal Savings Note from Japan in the denomination of 26 yen, a 3-ring binder full of Japanese Imperial occupation currency, a 1995 catalog of Japanese coins and currency, written entirely in Japanese, and a Harlan Berk auction catalog of pristine and rare items. The auction sold 24 of the 45 lots offered, including another 5 books donated by Bob D.

- -*The Alamo News* (Harold Eiserloh, editor)

The **Gateway Coin Club** held its first meeting of 1995 on January 5, with 19 members in attendance. After the business meeting, there was a lively roundtable discussion. Bob Rogers showed a 1994 Mexican 50 peso coin. Ray Tate brought three gambling tokens from the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, each depicting a well-known boxer. Py Coryell displayed a holed 1858 U.S. half dollar. The meeting closed with a spirited auction, conducted by Don Bailey.

Program night, January 26, was attended by 24 members. They voted unanimously to nominate Anthony Swiatek for ANA vice president. A get-well card was prepared for hospitalized member Bob Downs. Py Coryell donated 5 books to the club library. Robert Lacewell led the roundtable discussion, showing an early badge from a San Diego aircraft plant. Py asked for help identifying a Mexican item, which

appeared to be a medal or button. He also showed an 1866 Mexican peso. Doc Grover donated some coin albums to the auction, with proceeds going to the club. The educational program, by Robert, was called, "How Numismatics Saved Me." Robert credited the hobby, the club, and some of its members, for helping to turn his life around. It was very enlightening and emotional. Bob Rogers conducted the auction, which closed the meeting.

The February 2 meeting opened with 26 members and one visitor, Beverly Gray, present. The members voted unanimously to nominate Helen Carmody for the ANA board. Frank Galindo announced that his friend, Canadian Claude Proulx, had donated a St. Eligius medal to be auctioned, with proceeds going to the club. The roundtable participants were: Walter Russell, who showed a 1988 proof nickel and a 1769 Mexican coin; Wayne Gordon, who brought a Chinese amulet and a love token; Miriam Gilmore, who spoke about her 1964 Maximillian coin; and Frank Galindo, who had two different St. Eligius wooden nickels from Canada. The meeting concluded with a brisk auction, conducted by Don Bailey. Bidding was very competitive for the donated medal, with Vicki English eventually winning the lot for $20.00.

There were 19 members and 3 visitors present on February 16. One visitor, former member William Berry, rejoined the club. The other 2 visitors were Mr. & Mrs. Ruter. Marianne Hunter reported on table sales for the upcoming show. Bob Downs announced that he would be donating books to be auctioned at each meeting, with proceeds going to the club. Bob Rogers presented an eductional program on "Currency of Independent States of Russia," and passed around many colorful notes from the former Soviet states. Bob Rogers conducted the evening's auction, and supplied a steady dose of humor during the proceedings.

The March-April issue of *The Gatepost* ran an article by eighth grader Jill Walker, the first place winner in the St. Eligius, Patron Saint of Numismatics Project. The article was entitled, "The History of Coins in Ancient Greece." There was also a short report on the project, a longer version of which appears elsewhere in this issue of *The TNA News*.

- -*The Gatepost* (Frank Galindo, editor)

DISTRICT IX

There was a turnout of 36 members and 4 visitors for the February 6 meeting of Lubbock's **South Plains Coin Club**. Herman Jacobs went over assignments for the club's March show. Past president Bobby McMichael spoke about club incorporation, and he and club secretary James Golden agreed to study the pros and cons and to report back at the next meeting. Bobby gave a program on the importance of reference books to collecting. He displayed several books from his own library on paper money, his special area of interest. After refreshments, Hanson Ling and Sharon Rice conducted the evening's auction.

The March 6 meeting was attended by 26 members and a guest. James

Golden made a motion to incorporate the club, and presented a set of by-laws similar to those of other similar clubs. The members approved and James will proceed with the incorporation. Joe King gave an excellent program about where to obtain information about coins. He cited the local library, hobby periodicals, and the Internet, as well as other sources. He emphasized the importance of collecting what you enjoy, and to learn as much as possible about what you collect. An auction, by Rice and Ling, concluded the meeting.
--Lamonte Pitzer, District IX Governor

DISTRICT XI

The January 9 **Golden Spread Coin Club** meeting featured a show and tell. C.C. Stewart had coins from France, Germany, Italy, Argentina, the Netherlands, and Uruguay that he had picked up on a trip abroad. He later gave some of the coins away to the each of the junior members in attendance. Tommy and Louise Tompkins showed a South African gold sovereign. Nela Runkle showed a one ounce silver medallion received from a slot machine in the Las Vegas airport. Nela also related a *Coin World* story of a man who had been hoarding "pennies" for the last 70 years, and had recently cashed them in at a bank. Mike Ecklund was made club Life Member #29, for his two year service as club president. He also volunteered to be general chairman for the June 9-11 club show. It was announced that "Red Books" would again be placed in the Amarillo and Canyon libraries. Welcomed as new members were Terry Dittrich, Ted Winton, and Ted's son, Andrew. The evening's program was a puzzle, given by Nela.

The program for the February 6 meeting was another circle puzzle, with words naming materials that coins and tokens have been made from. For show and tell, Jim Laub had a 1980 Mexican Onza. C.C. Stewart had a partial set of Canadian nickels. Jerry Davidson had a book on 1880 gold. R.L. Tompkins had a fabricated "2-headed" Peace dollar, a 1919 Alabama commemorative half dollar, and two 1922 Grant halves, one with and one without the star, cherrypicked using skills he learned at last year's ANA Summer Seminar; and the Runkles had a set of 50 mini-ingot s/s flags of each of the United States.

The January and February newsletters each also had a coin trivia quiz about commemoratives. The February issue mentioned that club member David Cervin has assembled the largest private collection of the earliest Anno Domini dated coins. A story about David and his collection appears elsewhere in this issue of *The TNA News*.
--club newsletter (Nela Runkle, editor)

DISTRICT XIII

On January 10, fifteen members of the **Greenbelt Coin Club** were joined by thirteen guests. In the president's absence, the meeting was conducted by Secretary/Treasurer Carl Flores. Woody Lemon, a former

officer of the Vernon Savings and Loan gave a program on U.S. capped bust half dollars, illustrating his talk with specimens from his personal collection, including many overdates. He provided each attendee with a list of the lettered edge coins, indicating the years in which they were minted and their current cost in Fine condition. He pointed out that a complete collection in that grade could theoretically be assembled for just under $2000.00. Although he did not give away free samples from his collection, he did exhibit each, providing lighting and magnification to allow viewing overdates and die breaks. Following the program, an auction of 35 lots was conducted by Bill Howard, of Quanah.
--Raymond E. Whyborn, District XIII Governor

The **Wichita Falls-Red River Stamp & Coin Club** hosted its Christmas party and gift exchange on December 8. Members of the TEXOMA Stamp Club were again invited to attend because of their ongoing support of the annual Red River Coin and Stamp Show. A total of 48 people enjoyed a catered turkey dinner. Connolly O'Brien was recognized for his outstanding performance as the annual show chairman. The November show was well-attended, and attracted several new out-of-state dealers. Many dealers already have reserved tables for the 1995 show. After the meal, club president "Robbie" Robinson played the piano while everyone sang carols. A Chinese gift exchange was then conducted around the Christmas tree. Incoming TEXOMA Stamp Club president played "Santa," handing out candy canes and kisses to attendees who claimed to have been good all year. Members unanimously reelected the 1994 slate of officers: President, Robin "Robbie" Robinson; V.P., John VanDunk; Secretary, Raymond E. Whyborn; and Treasurer, Connolly R. O'Brien, Jr.
--Raymond E. Whyborn, District XIII Governor

DISTRICT XV

The December 15 meeting of the **Beaumont Coin Club** was a Christmas party, held at the Red Lobster restaurant. President Ed White was out of town on business, so vice president Jerry Williams presided. Great fellowship was enjoyed by all 20 attendees. Club officers for 1995 were elected, as follows: President, Jerry Williams; V.P., Bill Stein; Secretary, Judy Matherne; and Treasurer, Ed White. Judy was also presented with the C.L. Babcock Award for service to the club. Club founder Reggie Newton was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Twelve persons were present for the January 19 meeting. They voted to nominate Anthony Swiatek and Gary Lewis for the ANA Board of Governors. Several persons reported on the Greater Houston Money Show. They reported that it was fun, but that there had been more lookers than buyers. Art Larkin said he felt that attendees had been mostly collectors; several beginning collectors had stopped at Art's

table. Ed White was belatedly presented with his President's medal for his 1994 service in that office. After a great deal of discussion, it was decided to cancel the Spring Show, sponsored in conjunction with the other 3 area clubs, due to the Waco show having been scheduled for the same weekend (March 18-19), and the consequent loss of table sales. Ed White and Kay Crain reported on their recent trip to the new casino in Kinder, LA and displayed several special silver tokens from there. Ed also placed one in the auction. Jerry gave the Did You-Knows, and Judy gave a program on British coins with the VIGO, LIMA and E designations below the date. Examples of each type were also passed around for inspection. After a lively auction, the meeting adjourned.
--Judy Matherne, club Secretary

The January newsletter of the **Greater Orange Coin Club** marked the debut of Lester Fulfer as editor. He reported that the December meeting was highlighted by a free all-you-can-eat meal. He reminded everyone that each club meeting includes a no-commission auction of large cents through silver dollars, and announced that the January 12 meeting would include a talk on counterfeit $100.00 bills.

In the February newsletter, Lester made sure that everyone knew that the club's March show, jointly sponsored with the Beaumont, Port Arthur and Silsbee clubs, had been cancelled. At the January meeting, it had been decided to have a membership drive, and there had been some discussion about setting up an information table in front of a local department store. Jerry Williams was scheduled to give a program on 1856 Flying Eagle cents at the club's February 9 meeting.

The club meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Thomen Community Center, in Orange, TX. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
--club newsletter (Lester Fulfer, editor)

The **Port Arthur Coin Club** held its first meeting of 1995 on January 5. Eleven members were in attendance. There was one guest, Larry Bacon's son, Adam. Ray Ganaway announced that he had secured the Jefferson County Airport as a meeting place for the club for 1995. Committees for the year were also filled, as follows: Show: Julian Bruno & Jerry Williams; Auction: Julian, Rick Lanclos, Judy Matherne & Barbara Edwards; Nominations: Barbara, Judy & Ray; Christmas: Judy, Barbara & Ray; Awards: Barbara & Rick; ANA Representative: Barbara. TNA Representative: Jerry; Did You Knows: Julian & Barbara. Educational program presenters were announced for club meetings in February (Julian), March (Gary Gerald) and April (Jerry).

The club's February 2 meeting had fifteen members and a guest, Pat Martin, present. Volunteers to present programs covered four more 1995 meetings: May (Jim Eldridge), June (Judy), October (Barbara) and November (Ken Seholm). The club voted to lend its support to two candidates for the ANA Board: Helen Carmody and J.T. Stanton. There

was much discussion about the cancellation of the jointly sponsored March show, and lots of ideas for adding some variety to the fall show. Barbara gave the Did You Knows, and Julian's program was on the Federal Reserve Note, and how it does not represent "real" money in the system. After a brief auction, the meeting adjourned.
--*Dollars and Cents* (Judy Matherne, editor)

Fifteen members and friends of the **Silsbee Coin Club** gathered on December 27 at the Red Onion Restaurant in Lumberton for the club's Christmas dinner meeting. After the meal, outgoing President Jerry Williams introduced the new officers for 1995: President, Barbara Edwards; V.P., Jim Cawley; Secretary, Kay Crain; Treasurer, Jack Provost; and Librarian, Ed White. Jim asked for volunteers for 1995 programs, and Jerry agreed to talk about the Flying Eagle cent at the January meeting. Jerry also received his past president's medal and the "Member of the Year" plaque.

There were 13 people in attendance on January 31. New committee members were appointed, as follows: Auction: Jack, Judy & Jerry; Show: Art Larkin & Jack; Awards: Jerry & Kay; Nominations: Judy & Jerry; Christmas: Jerry. Barbara, as president, will also serve on each committee. Jerry will serve as TNA representative and Judy will serve as ANA representative. Art gave a report on the Houston Money Show, saying that it had been well attended and that interest in coin collecting seemed to be building among both adults and kids. Jerry gave his latest "Did You Knows." There was discussion about the cancellation of the March show, and the Show Committee reported that it was working with the Holiday Inn to secure dates for the spring and fall shows that could be locked in on an annual basis. Jim brought up the need to develop more interest in the hobby, and suggested a youth auction in Silsbee. There was some discussion, but no action was taken at the meeting to pursue the idea. Jerry gave an interesting program on Flying Eagle cents. After a short break with refreshments provided by Ed White, the auction was held and the meeting adjourned.
--club newsletter (Kay Crain, editor)

DISTRICT XVII

The January 12 **Waco Coin Club** meeting was called to order by President Darron Ellsworth, with 16 members present. Darrell Jackson acted as temporary club secretary. Glenn Hardin read a letter to the club from Sharon and Don Miller. Another, from Becky Beckermann, told everyone how much she enjoyed having been a member of the club while she lived in the area. John P. Jones reported the possiblity of *Discovery Magazine* promoting the club. Fred Gowdy brought a number of fresh, new, crisp one dollar bills, bearing the signature of the new Treasury Secretary, and offered to swap them with members. The auction, consisting of numerous items, was conducted by Darron.

The February 9 meeting had 28 members and [illegible] attendance. Grady became a member that same evening. TNA District Governor Fred Gowdy announced that he had copies of applications for anyone desiring to exhibit at the TNA Convention. John P. Jones announced that a guest speaker, Dr. Gayle Avant, would provide the March program, pertaining to very old coins. Dalton Adams reported that plans for the March Coin & Stamp Show were proceeding on schedule. Bourse Chairman Alan Wood assigned volunteers to staff the front door and registration table. The evening's program was by John P. Jones and Dalton Adams. John displayed his collection of half cents, explaining that, like most collectors, lacked the 1793 Type I, and the reason for the one-year type. Dalton provided a Flying Eagle cent, the first small cent, and the major reason for the demise of the half cent. Dalton also displayed a collection of Waco Suspension Bridge tickets. The coin auction, consisting of a large number of items, was conducted by Glenn Hardin.

The February newsletter's "This Month in Numismatic History" told of the discontinuation of the half cent by the Coinage Act of February 21, 1857. The March column covered the March 3, 1851 authorization of the silver three-cent piece.

The club meets on the second Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., at the Democratic Party Center, 1500 Washington Avenue, in Waco. Each meeting typically includes a short business session, raffle, door prize drawing, cash prize drawing, program and coin auction.

- -*WACOINEWS* (J.P. Jones and George Kubal, co-editors)

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